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There is my country."  
—Franklin.

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## P.T.A. Attends Meeting

Gill and Northfield members attended a P.T.A. meeting at the P.T.A. Institute Jan. 27, at 8 p.m. The speaker for evening was Dr. Purvis, Professor of Education at the University of Massachusetts. His very interesting talk was on "Some Newer Methods of Teaching." Dr. Purvis classified teaching into four categories, pupil activity, motivation, individualization and socialization.

He emphasized the need for a new approach because there are three kinds of human intelligence: academic, mechanical and social. A lively discussion followed the talk, and in closing Dr. Purvis stated that the child was more important than the money or facilities involved.

Refreshments were served.

## CHURCH NOTES

**TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister  
10 a. m. Church School and Young People's Forum.

11 a. m. Worship. Sermon subject, "Building Bridges and Moving Mountains." Nursery for pre-school age children.

6.30 p. m. Pilgrim Fellowship. David Wells will lead the devotional service. Miss Virginia Powell, guest and speaker. Refreshments and social half-hour to follow.

The young people will conduct the Service of Worship on Sunday morning, Feb. 8.

A public supper for the benefit of the new stove fund will be served in the vestry on Thursday, Feb. 12. Tickets, 99 cents, on sale at the Bookstore and at Morgan's.

**UNITARIAN CHURCH**  
Rev. Hazel Roger Gredler, Minister

10 a. m. Church School. Classes for all ages. Mrs. Carroll Miller, supt.

11 a. m. Church Service and Sermon. Anthem, choir of young people. Children's Story, "The Vision of St. Laurence." Youth Sunday Observance.

The American Unitarian Youth Group will assist in the service, in addition to choir members. Sermon, "Youth Looks At the World," by David Earle Gredler.

7.30 p. m. American Unitarian Youth group will meet in the church vestry, for a social "get-together." All high school young people are welcome.

Feb. 2, 8 p. m., meeting of the Parish Committee at the home of Mrs. Dean Williams.

**FREE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor  
10.30 a. m. Morning worship, with sermon by the pastor, "The Secret of Joyful Living."

11.30 a. m. Sunday School.

6 p. m. Young people's meeting.

Wednesday, Feb. 4, prayer meeting at the home of Florence Janes.

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**ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Rev. Henry J. McCormick, Pastor  
Masses: First Sunday of month, 8.30 a. m. All other Sundays, 10.30 a. m.

## NEW CITIZENS

A daughter, Marjorie Grace, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Williams of the Farms on Monday, Jan. 19.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 2. ELECTION DAY—TOWN MEETING.

Boy Scouts meet. Grange will meet.

Congregational Church School teachers and officers meet at the home of Mrs. James Gillespie.

Feb. 3. P.T.A. executive meeting at the home of Mrs. Edgar Livingston at 8 p. m.

Ski Club meets. Garden Club, 6.30 p. m. Unitarian Church vestry.

Feb. 5. Community Club. No. 4, Union Hall, at 8 p. m. Bring box lunches. Coffee will be served. This is a work party.

Feb. 6. Fortnightly meeting at Alexander Hall, 8 p. m.

Feb. 8. "20-45" Club gives 2 one-act plays.

Feb. 9. P.T.A. meeting at 8 p. m. at Alexander Hall.

Feb. 10. Grange meeting.

Feb. 12. Congregational Church public supper in vestry. Unitarian Women's Alliance meets at 8 o'clock.

Feb. 14. St. Valentine's Day.

## To Present 'Shavings' To Aid Senior Fund

Once again the Northfield Players support the High School Seniors' Washington Trip Fund, by presenting Joseph Lincoln's story, "Shavings"; dramatized by Pauline Phelps and Marion Short. This play is produced with permission of Samuel French of New York, and was given years ago by "The Fortnightly." Never was a production received with more genuine enthusiasm. The townspeople are in for a treat when, in the near future it will be given at the Town Hall. The cast is hard at work, rehearsing several nights a week. The object is a worthy one, and it is hoped it will be a decided financial success.

There are more seniors in High School this year and therefore, more money is required to send them on their spring trip to our nation's capital. Through the years this trip has proved to be a valuable addition to the education of our boys and girls; a sort of "finishing school," as lovable old Jed Winslow says philosophically. You'll like Uncle Jed.

Don't miss this production about life on Cape Cod. Young and old will spend the most enjoyable evening they've had in a long time.

## Phelps Conducts Art Classes

John Edward Phelps, artist, formerly of this town, has been exhibiting at Demond's in Greenfield during the month of January.

Mr. Phelps, who is a grandnephew of W. Preston Phelps, the landscape artist, has lived, camped and sketched from Maine to Georgia. He studied at Massachusetts School of Art in Boston for five years, and was then associated with the Federal Arts Project.

He also maintained a studio in Springfield until poor health necessitated his retirement to Northfield. He opened another studio, but was called into the armed forces on March 10, 1941.

During the four and a half years' service with the 26th Division the pursuit of things artistic was not always possible, but following the war Mr. Phelps had the opportunity to travel and sketch and study in France, England and Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Phelps has a considerable background of study and research in art, religion and peoples of many lands; ancient and modern.

He now conducts The Phelps Art Studio in Greenfield where both student and artist can pursue serious study of drawing and painting.

Mr. Phelps' aim is to give young people a solid base for further study, to the adult an opportunity for expression and relaxation. The Studio is large and pleasant with modern lighting to give excellent vision both by day and evening.

As a working artist Mr. Phelps can give sound technical training and practical advice to both beginner and advanced student.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

### Town Annual Report An Attractive Issue

The 1947 issue of the Town Report has been sent through the mail to our citizens entitled to receive one and they were received sufficiently in advance of the town meeting for all to give them a complete going-over, before the Town Meeting next Monday.

Credit for its early issue is due entirely to the Selectmen, who had insisted that all reports be submitted by officials and departments within the required time and to the publisher for cooperation. The report is printed on better paper than usual with good faced type and an illuminated cover design which gives it distinction. The cover design is from a copyright photograph of Frank W. Pearsall of "Round Top." The editing was by former Moderator William F. Hoehn, and the publishing by the Press and the Hall Printing Company. It is a good job and already many favorable comments have been made.

Already many requests are being received for a copy of the Town Annual Report from summer residents and property owners. It costs four cents to mail a copy, so enclose stamps.

### Unitarian Youth Elect

The American Unitarian Youth group elected the following officers: President, Beverly McCollum; vice-president, Russell Bigelow; treasurer-secretary, Peter Haach.

The following committees have been chosen and are at work: Program, Worship, Social Service, Membership, Publicity and Recreation.

At a meeting last Wednesday evening plans for the future were discussed. Since the last three meetings have been of a serious nature, the program committee voted to have a social this coming Sunday evening. Refreshments will be served and all young people of high school age are welcome then and at all times.

The social service committee has plans for a clothing drive which will be elaborated upon later.

### The Northfield Schools

Examinations began at the Northfield Schools Tuesday and will continue through the week. The spring semester will begin at Mt. Hermon and at Northfield on Feb. 2.

Rev. Roy M. Pearson of the First Congregational Church in Amherst, Mass., and Dr. A. Grant Noble, chaplain at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass., will be Sunday morning guest preachers at the Northfield Schools, Feb. 1. Rev. Roy Pearson will preach in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 a. m. and Dr. A. Grant Noble will speak in Memorial Chapel at 10.30 a. m.

Sunday evening, Feb. 1, Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, will speak at Deerfield Academy.

### Annual Town Meeting Town Hall Monday

Monday morning, Feb. 2, the annual town meeting will be held for the election of officials to serve the following year and for the consideration of some 55 articles in the Warrant, the longest warrant posted for many years.

It will be at 10 o'clock in the morning when Moderator George McEwan pounds his gavel to call the meeting to order and the town clerk will read the many articles. Prayer will be offered and the meeting will proceed in the usual form. The hour for closing the polls will be determined, reports of all officers and departments considered and accepted and then procedure will be as the articles are listed. There will be an adjournment for an hour for lunch at noon and the afternoon session will conclude the business.

Weather permitting it is expected that there will be a large attendance and indications also point to a heavy vote. The printed booklet containing the various annual reports has been distributed sufficiently early this year so that there will be no ground for complaint in the discussions which will ensue and every voter should be well informed upon the subject matters. There is some competition in the list of candidates but it is expected that the caucus nominations will be elected. However, that is anybody's guess.

Lunch will be served by the Grange.

### Moves to New Mexico

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bolton and two children have moved to Albuquerque, N. M., where the family will locate. Mr. Bolton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton of this town and they made the trip by auto from their former residence in Northfield, Mass.

They report in a letter that they had a most comfortable and interesting trip despite encountering a snow storm on the way.

Mr. Bolton becomes foreman of the instrument and tool department at a technical laboratory.

### Town Meeting Lunch

Lunch will be served at the Town Hall during Town Meeting; no need to wash dishes at noon. The menu will consist of: Pot roast and mashed potatoes, salads, pies, rolls and coffee.

The lunch is sponsored by the Grange. The following committee is in charge: Mrs. Lee Holloway, Mrs. Etta Cavanaugh, Mrs. Emory Rikert and Mrs. Arthur Pietz.

### Individual Teaching In Primary Education

In last Sunday's New York Herald-Tribune, William G. Avirett of Amherst, wrote an article of his interview with Mrs. Lewis D. Bement, founder and former head of the Bement School, an elementary co-educational school at Deerfield. Mrs. Bement has advanced ideas on teaching methods based on years of classroom experience. She believes that every child should have individual instruction, with a chance to advance at his or her best pace in each subject. Under individual teaching, a child is expected to master a subject and not just "pass" it.

In a classroom the brilliant child becomes a time-waster, while the teacher is instructing slower students, robbing the whole group of precious time. The classroom is desirable for social studies and modern languages but individual instruction should be given in subjects requiring concentration. Mrs. Bement said, "Individual teaching is not generally practiced because it means smaller groups and more teachers, and that means increased appropriations for schools."

### AFRS STILL SERVING

The famous radio signature "This is The Armed Forces Radio Service" continues to send entertainment, education and news from home to members of all armed services overseas in all parts of the world.

## AYH NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith, national directors of the American Youth Hostels, left Jan. 19 for a vacation trip to Florida. Monroe has been quite ill with pneumonia the last two weeks, and will need a recuperative period in the sunshine. The Smiths drove, taking their son Jonathan.

Martha Hoagland has left the A.Y.H. to work with the American Friends Service Committee in Washington, D. C., and will act as a hostess in the new International House established by the Friends. Martha was with the A.Y.H. many years before the war, served with the Red Cross, and then came back to hosting for a year.

Word has been received from Ida J. Sheldon that she plans to spend some time with friends at Hidden Villa Ranch, Los Altos, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence "Mac" McCormick, popular young house parents at the Northfield hostel, celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary on Jan. 19, with the help of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wilhelms of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wilhelms and Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson.

### W.C.T.U. Institute

On Friday, Jan. 23, the annual Institute of the W. C. T. U. was held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Forsaith on Birnam road.

At 10.30 a. m. Mrs. Alice Watson gave current temperance events, while other ladies sewed on blankets for babies of other lands.

Three departments of the W.C.T.U. taken up at this time were: Flower Mission and Relief, Religious Education and International Relations.

Lunch was served at 12.30.

At 2 p. m. George A. Bronson gave a fine talk on "What the Church has Done for Temperance, and What Temperance Has Done for the Church."

This was the meeting that had been postponed from Wednesday, Jan. 21, on account of a blizzard.

### Legion Meets

The Haven H. Spencer Post met in the Legion Rooms Tuesday for their regular monthly meeting. Plans were made to discuss need for universal military training at a future public meeting. It was voted to bring to the attention of the Selectmen the lack of adequate radiation in the Legion Rooms.

## Received High Award

Information has come from London that Dr. Marie S. Gutowska has been elected to the Royal Society of Arts in England as a merited recognition of her ability. Dr. Gutowska was formerly a resident of Deerfield and for nearly eight years she was a member of the research staff at the University of Massachusetts. Previous to her coming to America, she was a professor at the University of Warsaw in Poland.

She is also well known as an artist in music circles and Northfield people will remember her as participating in a concert at the Town Hall during the war years in aid of Finnish Relief, for which a committee was formed here.

## P.T.A. Banquet

The Greenfield P.T.A. Council invites the Northfield P.T.A. members to Founders' Day banquet at the Mansion House in Greenfield on Feb. 10 at 6.30 p. m.

The speaker will be Dr. Trentwell Mason White, president of Lesley College, Cambridge, whose topic will be "New Horizons For P.T.A."

A turkey dinner will be served (\$1.85 tax and tip included). For reservation call Mrs. Charles White, telephone 817 before Feb. 3.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COLLIS-MATOSKY

The marriage of Mrs. Esther Matosky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Teofil Dymersky of Northfield Farms to Lewis Collis of Hinsdale, N. H., took place Saturday morning in St. John's Church at Millers Falls, with Rev. John McCormick officiating.

The maid of honor was Miss Ann Skrypeck of Millers Falls and the best man was Harvey Collis of Greenfield, a brother of the groom. The bride was attired in a dark green suit with black accessories and carried a corsage of orchids.

The maid of honor wore a light green suit with brown accessories and carried a corsage of roses. Breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, and the couple left immediately afterward for a motor trip to Florida. They will reside in Northfield Farms.

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The nutrient is consumed by streptomycin-producing mold during the course of an extremely involved manufacturing process. It combines the advantages of greater yield and lower material costs, according to A. E. Staley company.

Monthly production of streptomycin is now about one million grams and as a result the government recently removed controls on its uses. Since its discovery in 1944, production has been too small to permit more than experimental use of the antibiotic until recently. Enlargement of pharmaceutical plants, availability of an adequate supply of nutrient and improved manufacturing processes have resulted in a steady increase in production and lowering of the cost of the drug.

Streptomycin has been found effective against some diseases which are resistant to penicillin, the sulfa drugs and serums. These include infections of the kidney and bladder, tularemia (rabbit fever), influenza meningitis, certain eye infections, gram-negative peritonitis (such as from a ruptured appendix) and blood stream infections.

### Duck Stamp Revenue

#### Saves Many Wildfowl

Since 1934, when duck stamp sales were first issued, more than 13 million dollars have been collected for waterfowl restoration and conservation. The largest number of stamps, 1,725,505, were sold last year.

Among the areas acquired with duck stamp money one of the most important was the 15,000 acre refuge known as the Horicon marsh near Waupun, Wis., established as the Horicon national wildlife refuge in 1940. Present plans of the service are to make it a major wildfowl refuge for the lake states.

Duck stamp funds bought 34,000 of the 320,326-acre Okefenokee national wildlife refuge in southeastern Georgia near Waycross—known as the "mysterious Okefenokee."

Key wildfowl areas bought out of duck stamps on the Atlantic coast include the Chincoteague refuge in Virginia, the Parker refuge in Massachusetts and the Brigantine refuge in New Jersey, eight miles north of Atlantic City, which is a concentration point for Atlantic brant.

#### Animals Given Trials

Trials for animals held as murder suspects and accused of other crimes were given all the solemnity conferred upon human criminals by the courts of Europe until the last century. In 1384 a pig was accused of killing a child. The image of St. Pancrace, France, was brought forth and prayers said for the child until life was restored to it. Whether the child was actually dead or merely unconscious is not verified, but the pig was cited for murder, convicted and sentenced to die. In 1370 when three pigs killed the son of the owner, the entire herd was arrested. Upon the pleas of the swineherd's owner, only the original three pigs were given the death sentence. There are hundreds of similar cases of animal convictions on record.

Where Ladies Prefer Blondes  
Bleaching kinky, woolly hair with coral lime is a practice on many South Sea islands. It often marks the marriageable young man who wants to look his handsome best. The first bleaching, a diploma from childhood, often is marked with ceremony. Hair-mops in the Solomons range from natural black to golden blond. Some have blond streaks down the middle, some are mottled blond and black. Some even have a bright copper tinge. Guadacanal is one of the islands where pipe-smoking by both sexes seems continuous. On many islands, betel-nut is the universal "chewing gum," permanently staining lips and teeth. Betel-nut, tobacco, taro and shell money are the treasures of life.

#### American Hat Making

In 1662 Virginia passed a law offering ten pounds of tobacco for every good wool or fur hat made in that colony. Today the soft felt, stiff felt and silk form the three types principally worn by men. They are made principally in their most perfect form in France, England and the United States. The bodies of felt hats are of two kinds, fur and wool. Fur passes through a cleanser and former, drawn on a cone, sprayed with hot water (it coheses), is then removed, retaining its shape until hardened. The wool hat goes through about the same steps.

Hammurabi in Iraq  
When the Babylonian throne was ascended by Hammurabi, sixth king of the first Babylonian kingdom, he attacked the Elamites and wrested from them the part of Iraq which was in their hands. Not satisfied with that, he pursued them until he entered their capital, Susa, and brought the whole of their dominions under his rule. King Hammurabi made Babylon the capital of his kingdom, which continued to expand until the whole country was called by that name and by 3100 B. C. it had become great and famous.

## TOWN TOPICS

The Sunset Farms Antique Shop has a varied collection of books for the collector. Many of these books dealing with the collection of coins, stamps, etc., are hard to find and if you are in need of an authoritative reference book to assist in your hobbies perhaps a visit to the Sunset Farms Antique Shop would solve your problems.

Joseph Cembalisky has rejoined the staff of Spencer Bros., local Ford dealer. His twelve years' experience with the firm make his return a most welcome one to his many friends and customers.

Billy Greenwood, a freshman at Norwich University, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Greenwood during the week-end.

A preview of the Pioneer Valley Association movie, "Holiday in the Pioneer Valley," will be shown at the Hotel Sheraton in Springfield on Friday evening, Feb. 6.

Views of Northfield will be included in the film. This meeting signals the opening of the Association's campaign for new members and members of the local committee will attend the meeting.

The state examiners have arrived at the Town Hall for their annual visit to audit the books of the various officers and departments of the town. Their schedule is much later than in previous years and the result of the audit will have to be published in a supplement to the Town Report and distributed later.

Mary Bolton, daughter of Fred Bolton, and Barbara Harris of Bernardston have gone to California to visit Kenneth Bolton who recently moved out to the West Coast.

A landscape by Miss Bernice Webster was selected for hanging at the Annual Winter Exhibition by the National Arts Club in New York City.

Founders Day will be observed by the Northfield Schools on Thursday, Feb. 5 with a full program of interest to the students and members of the faculties.

The Franklin County Selectmen's Association have designated Thursday, April 8 for their spring meeting with a dinner at the Mansion House in Greenfield. Rudolph F. King, registrar of motor vehicles, for the state, will be the speaker.

Mrs. Anita A. Dunbar of New York City has sold a house and lot on the Plains road formerly the property of her late husband, Robert Dunbar, to Russell T. Nimmons, who occupies the same.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Edgecomb of Short Hills, N. J., were guests at the Northfield Hotel enroute to their summer home at Gilford, N. H. While here they were notified that the summer home had been destroyed by fire and was a total loss.

#### Early Asia Minor Settlers

The Seljuk Turks were one of the earliest groups of settlers in Asia Minor, or what the Turks today refer to as Anatolia. The Seljuks held and lost Nicaea before the close of the 11th century. A. D. Nicaea was a Greek outpost city which commanded a pass leading to the Sea of Marmara. At this time the Oguz Turks, closely related to the Sky Turks, already had migrated into Mesopotamia and had been converted to Islam, or the Mohammedan religion. They also were fast spreading into the milder climates of the Mediterranean region. At about the time when the Seljuk Turks had extended their control over all Asia Minor, that is about the middle of the 13th century, the great Mongol invasion took place. Genghis Khan and his sons came in a great invading tide which neither the Seljuk Turks nor their Byzantine neighbors could resist. The Mongols did not seem to care to establish permanent dominion over the peoples they conquered. Their main concern appeared to have been loot and mere conquest for its own sake.

#### Prevent Corn Mold

Great care must be exercised by the farmers of the nation in storage of the corn crop to avoid losses from ear and storage rots, according to Ohio agricultural experiment station. The mature corn crop is vulnerable to attack by several ear rots or molds which are present in the ear at the time of harvest. The other group, known as storage molds, although they may occur in the field on ears injured by birds and insects, usually occur on the stored grain. Those molds which infect the corn ears in the field develop best on corn with a moisture content of 18 per cent or above. The molds which infect the stored grain are damaging on grain with moisture content as low as 12 per cent. Therefore, to protect the harvested corn crop, it should be dried down as quickly as possible to a moisture content of less than 14 per cent.

#### 'Spa' Aiding Medicine

"Taking the baths"—once a ritual among ancient peoples and more recently a fashionable form of vacation—is now a recognized technique for treating a number of diseases. Hydrotherapy's best-known use is probably in helping victims of infantile paralysis to regain use of powerless muscles. Its other uses include the treatment of arthritis, neuritis, sprains and similar ailments by immersion in hot water. Equipment for these various treatments ranges from large tanks designed to accommodate the entire body to small, specialized foot and hand baths.

### Report of The School Dept.

#### Teacher Classification

The report of the Superintendent of Schools contains a classification of all teachers to meet the requirements of the equal pay referendum which the town adopted by a vote of 233 to 77 last February. The teachers have been placed in two classes: Class I, elementary teachers; Class II, high school teachers. Within each class there are three groups: Class I, (a) teachers without a degree; (b) teachers with a degree or experience equivalent to ten years; (c) special classifications. Class II (the high school teachers) having three groups also, (a) teachers without a degree; (b) teachers with a degree or experience equivalent to 15 years; (c) special classifications. The (c) group in both classes is for principals, submasters, and supervisors.

Superintendent Taylor states that before the passage of the equal pay bill, Northfield teachers were actually operating under a policy of equal pay for equal work. At the present time Northfield has no specific salary schedule. We offer new teachers without experience but with a college degree \$2000 for the first year of service. Others are paid a base salary of \$2000 plus \$100 increment for each year's experience to a maximum of \$2500. Teachers with a master's degree are paid \$100 above the base schedule.

#### Need For Salary Schedule

Supt. Taylor's report calls attention to the need for a salary schedule. "The trend in recent years has been to establish salary schedules for town and school employees. These schedules generally fall into two classes, positional type and preparational type. Occasionally we find a schedule that is a composite of the two.

A carefully prepared, equitable salary schedule results in a more stable financial policy, better morale among teachers, and a more economical expenditure of the salary budget in relation to the services rendered.

The Northfield Teachers' Club appointed a special committee to prepare and present to the School Committee a study patterned along the lines of a number of studies made and adopted in communities similar in nature and scope to Northfield. The School Committee met once with the teachers' committee. No definite conclusion was reached, but it was agreed that further study, cooperatively done by the school department and the teacher, should be carried on. Studies of this nature do not result in drastic salary increases, but do provide incentive for the professional growth of all teachers.

Report of High School Principal  
The principal of the Northfield High School, George Leonard, in his report to Superintendent Taylor reports the enrollment of the high school as 137, distributed as follows: Grade VII, 40; Grade VIII, 28; Grade IX, 24; Grade X, 14; do provide incentive for the professional growth of all teachers. Of the 137 students in the High School, 53 are boys and 84 girls. Mr. Leonard requests that the townspeople visit the school system more often and consult with teachers and principals on controversial school issues. He further states that the entire faculty of the High School would welcome such visits from townspeople at any time.

Principal Leonard states the greatest needs of the High School as follows: A gym for carrying on a physical education program during the winter months, Northfield is one of two towns of this size in Massachusetts which does not have such facilities and in many towns smaller than Northfield do have such facilities. An auditorium for conducting assembly programs is completely lacking. No room in either school building is large enough to seat the whole student body at one time. The need for maps and library reference books, as well as library facilities, within the school building is great.

The High School financial report is interesting. It shows the following balances: Class of 1948, \$619.81; Class of 1949, \$50.50; Class of 1950, \$51.22; Class of 1951, \$2; Glee Club, \$237.21; General Student Fund, \$303.14. The total receipts of the High School were \$2,326.35. Expenditures were \$1,062.47, and the balance is \$1,263.88. It should be noted that the General Student Fund includes expenditures for student athletics.

Superintendent Taylor enumerates the advantages of the reorganization of the High School: (1) Better distribution of the pupil load between the two buildings; (2) More efficient use of the instructional staff; (3) Simplification of transportation; (4) Less crowding in the lunch room; (5) Elimination of congestion on the playground during recess periods.

School Receipts Rise Sharply  
Superintendent Taylor in his report to the Northfield School Committee has indicated the sharp rise in School Department receipts during the year 1947. Receipts from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts alone totaled \$19,039, and other tuition receipts raise the total to \$19,561, an increase of \$5000 over the preceding year.

However, the net cost of schools to the town has increased from \$32,800 to \$38,150 during the same period. Northfield's state aid is somewhat above the state average. The School Committee estimates its requirements for 1948 at \$50,647. Estimated receipts for 1948 are \$20,000, placing the estimated net cost of schools for 1948 at \$30,647, which is \$2000 more than for 1947.

#### Center School Lunch Room

The report of the treasurer of the Northfield Center School Lunch Room states that 37,581 lunches

and 39,163 bottles of milk were served to the students and faculty of the Northfield Public Schools during the year 1947. Total income for the lunch room for the year 1947 was \$8,836.64. Total expenditures were \$8,813.63, leaving a net balance on hand as of Dec. 31 of \$23.01. However, an outstanding milk bill, payable in January, would use most of the balance so that the lunch room is operating just at cost.

During the year it has been interesting to note that there is a sharp increase in the number of high school students using the lunch room.

#### AIR FORCE'S FAMOUS FIVE

During 1947, pilots of the U. S. Air Force set five new international air records, including the helicopter altitude record of 19,167 feet, the speed record from Honolulu to New York in 14 hours 33 minutes, the recapturing of the international speed record for the first time in 24 years with an average 623.8 m.p.h. (later broken by the Navy), and the two record-breaking flights of the B-29 Superfortress within a week. The office of Ruth in the Grand Chapter.

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## POET'S CORNER

(Contributions by local poets are welcome)

**SIMPLICITY**  
I thread the devious way backward  
from complexity to simplicity.  
Will any bear me company?  
It matters not. This must I do.  
Even if those who make the start  
go but a little way and turn back,  
Still must I go, alone if need be,  
meeting all the mighty horde  
bound for complexity.

Back to the old simplicity? Onward  
rather to the new.  
In the complexity of manufactured  
things is the simplicity of the  
tree.  
Yet I should not know the true  
simplicity of the tree save  
through the complexity of manu-  
factured things.  
I return to the simple tone, yet it  
is only through the complexity  
of the symphony  
That I become aware of the beauty  
of a single tone.

**OBLIGATION**  
My word is given to meet you there  
and then.  
Did I not keep my word you  
would be vexed.  
What if I feel the pressure of a  
later call, the constant urge  
of some divine appointment?  
Which shall I break, the call  
known but to men for whose  
evading blame shall be my  
lot?  
Or that high summons for whose  
disregard only my heart will  
chide?  
(The above poems are reprinted  
from the book "Sea Level" by  
Sylvia H. Bliss. Permission was  
granted by the author.)

## NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The following persons have had a perfect attendance record for the first half of the school year:  
Grade 12, Julia Ladzinski, Philip Walsh; grade 11, Marion Andrew, Richard Whitney; grade 10, John Jurkowski; grade 9, Ethelyn Berry, Faith Fisher, Iris Whitney; grade 8, Betty Sibley.  
The boys' basketball team played its first scheduled game on Monday afternoon against the Powers Institute team in the Barnardston Town Hall. Northfield High returned as victor by a score of 43 to 35. The boys have progressed rapidly during the few months they have been practicing at the Mount Hermon gymnasium. Ralph Mankowsky was high scorer for Northfield getting 8 baskets and 2 foul shots for a total of 18 points. Allan Davis scored 9 points, Phil Walsh 7, Fred Luciw 4, Ralph Lyons 4, and Manuel Mello 1. For Powers Institute, Ted Messer scored 11 points while Snow was scoring 14.  
A return game is scheduled for Tuesday night, Feb. 10 at the Barnardston Town Hall. The girls' team which has started weekly practices with a group of girls from Powers Institute may play their first game on that evening.

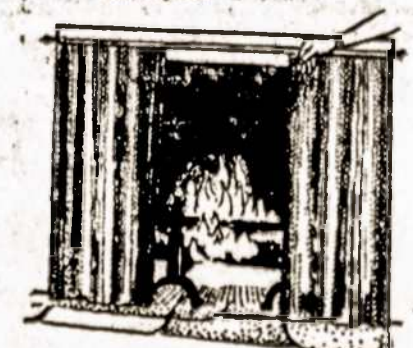
## Fortnightly Meetings

Dr. Edmond S. Meany, Jr., of the history department of Mount Hermon School, gave a most interesting talk at the meeting of the Fortnightly on Friday afternoon, Jan. 16 in Alexander Hall. The talk was followed by a quiz on questions taken from Time magazine and Monthly News Quiz offered by members.  
The tea hostesses were Mrs. Arthur Platt, Mrs. Bernard Whitney, Mrs. Dana Leavis and Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr. The next meeting will be Friday, Feb. 6 at 3 o'clock in Alexander Hall when the speaker will be Myron Johnson of Akron, Ohio, on the subject of "Interior Decoration." The tea hostesses will be Mrs. Frank Montague, Mrs. A. Gordon Moody, Mrs. Harold Briesmaster and Miss Marion Holton.

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## THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

To the Editor:  
I find the following item in a diary of Northfield for "Monday, Jan. 15, 1888—warm and spring-like, and has been since Christmas (Dec. 25) ground entirely bare and violets blown in the garden."  
"Monday, March 5, 1888—Town meeting day. School House filled to overflowing two hundred and thirty-eight votes cast. The Democratic party (as they call themselves) carried their point in the choice of all officers excepting town clerk. The meeting voted almost to a man, there being but 3 or 10 against, to instruct the selectmen not to appropriate a retailer of ardent spirits, either at a store or at a tavern by the glass. The most noble act ever done in our town meeting. May it long be remembered."  
A CITIZEN.

## Children and Adults

**Differ in Color Taste**  
If, on rainy days, children show an inclination to stray from their playroom, it may be because the colors used in its decoration do not appeal to them, suggests a Canadian paint association. According to color experts, children first learn to distinguish between black and white, next between red and blue, and later between green and yellow, but it usually is somewhat difficult for them to distinguish between orange and yellow. Based on the belief that pastel shades which are highly pleasing to grown-ups usually have little or no appeal for small children, it is stated that the use of fairly strong colors in reasonable amounts is permissible, and in fact desirable, in a nursery or child's playroom. However, it is emphasized that this does not mean that the walls and ceiling should be vivid. It means rather that the accent colors may be stronger for too much strong color can be nerve-racking, even to a child.

**Onion Juice Aids 2,4-D**  
Preliminary experiments at the Michigan agricultural experiment station indicate that a 2,4-D solution receiving an addition of specially treated onion juice not only does a more thorough job of weed control but also effectively covers a greater area. The strength of 2,4-D weed killer may be stepped up from 10 to 20 times by onion juice. Approximately 20 different extracts from fruits and juices were tried, some of which had the opposite of the desired effect. Indications are that one pound of onions, properly mashed, and mixed with two and one-half gallons of water 2,4-D solution, is the most effective mixture. In the experiments, the sodium salt of 2,4-D was used.

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For those who like exciting historical tales with a dash of local color, the "Tamarack Tree," by Howard Breslin will make good reading. This is a swift-moving, excitement-packed story of Whig convention, which took place in the sleepy little town of Stratton, Vt., well over a hundred years ago. Twenty thousand people, assembled an overflowed the little town of two hundred people, to hear the distinguished orator Daniel Webster speak. This scene quite naturally leads to many an intriguing situation. In preparing this novel Mr. Breslin spent six years in research—looking up old newspapers, records and letters—all of which gives his book an authentic flavor.

Remember when Lindberg flew the Atlantic? Do you recall when Gertrude Ederle swam the English Channel? (When we, the ladies that is, wore ankle length skirts—and it wasn't the "New Look"). You can relive all these outstanding events of the years between

## Teachers Club News

The Northfield Teachers' Club is sponsoring a series of assembly programs of an educational and recreational nature for the pupils of the town's schools. Townspeople who are interested are also invited but because of the limited seating capacity of the town hall, it is necessary to seat the students before allowing admission for the general public.  
The next assembly will be on Friday, Feb. 6, at 9 a. m. and will consist of a talk on underwater life by a lady diver and naturalist. On March 11, there will be songs and stories of Eskimo life by Nutchuk, Eskimo author and lecturer and on April 12, the movie, "Chimpanzee Circus" and a personal appearance of Suki, an educated Great Dane.

## Garden Club Meets

**Spring Must Be Here**  
Every Garden Club member looks back to the summer time with pleasant memories of the beautiful gardens and fragrant flowers. But now they can only muse and plan for the coming of summer.  
Plans for summer are always considered at the winter sessions of the Garden Club.  
On Tuesday evening, Feb. 3, at 6:30 p. m. the club will hold its annual dinner in Unitarian Church vestry.  
Mrs. George W. Carr of the committee promises an interesting program and President Grove Deming urges every member to attend the meeting.

## Deerfield Gifts Now A Million and Quarter

Sometime ago the Press announced that Deerfield Academy would seek a million and two million dollars to aid in its expansion and improvement. The campaign was inaugurated and it was announced last week that 1392 contributors have already given the sum of \$1,297,000. The goal is in sight which gladdens the trustees because the response is remarkable and accomplished without the usual fanfare which accompanies financial campaigns. In addition to the above amount, the sum of \$135,000 has been given by parents of students for a student activities building. Friends in Northfield of Dr. Frank L. Boyden, who heads the institution, desire to offer their congratulations. Dr. Boyden, who finds time to serve as a trustee of the Northfield Schools and other educational institutions, is also chairman of the County Red Cross Chapter and interested in many endeavors of Franklin County.

In the Children's Room we are featuring pioneer stories, in the hope that the youngsters will discover that a world of excitement can be found in J. Fenimore Cooper's books, "The Spy," "The Pathfinder," "The Deerslayer," and "The Last of the Mohicans." Other pioneer tales are "Indian Brother" by Coryell, "Boys Own Book of Frontiersmen" by Britt and "Fighting Dan of the Long Rifles," by Dean.

## Drug Addict Rejections

**Decline in World War II**  
Draft officials rejected only one man in 10,000 for drug addiction in World War II, compared with one in every 1,500 rejected as drug addicts in World War I, according to Encyclopedia Britannica.  
In its survey of the drug traffic in 1946, investigations in Japan revealed complicity on the part of the Japanese government in its narcotic treaty obligations. "Duplicate sets of records were found, one for their own use and one for the League of Nations."  
"Investigation developed that in one factory alone, operating in Seoul, Korea, during the years 1938 and 1939, the Japanese government manufactured and sent to the Manchukuo Opium Monopoly each year an amount of heroin sufficient to supply the entire world's medical needs."  
Under Gen. Douglas MacArthur complete controls with adequate penalties were set up and 70,000 dealers of all kinds, including wholesalers, practitioners and druggists were licensed for the first time.  
The largest producer of opium for medical needs in 1946 was Turkey, with a crop almost large enough to supply the whole world with medicinal opium.

**Leading Farm Counties**  
The 25 leading farm counties of the United States are in the East and on the Pacific coast. Ten of the leading counties are fruit producers. Vegetables and potatoes are the leading agricultural production in 6 of the 25 top counties. Poultry and dairy products lead in three. Tobacco, wheat and livestock other than dairy and poultry also lead in three counties. Los Angeles county ranks as the nation's top farm county, although it is 16th among the list in land in farms. The California county is first in milk production, third in oranges and eggs, and fourth in the value of vegetables, fruits and nuts. Leading counties in the East are: Aroostock, Me.; Hartford, Conn.; Lancaster, Pa.; Sussex, Del. and Polk, Fla. The leading counties on the Pacific coast are: Yakima and Whitman, Wash.; Maricopa, Ariz.; Weld, Colo., and 16 counties in California which are led by Los Angeles county. No Middlewestern county was listed among the first 25 for the nation.

## FIRST ARMY GENERATES GOOD WILL

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"Entered as second-class matter August 9, 1935, at the Post Office at Northfield, Massachusetts under the Act of March 3, 1879."

A poster entitled, "Which is your Side of the Fence," is now on display at the Dickinson Memorial Library.

It deals with "The Library Demonstration Bill" (S-48 and H.R. 2465).

The passage of this bill would mean a great deal to this town and to all other small towns.

It would mean the resumption of the "Bookmobile" service. A many have missed since it was eliminated because of lack of funds.

The passage of "The Library Demonstration Bill" would, in effect, mean the allotment of sufficient funds to smaller communities for the resumption of such services as "The Bookmobile."

Write to your Congressman asking him to vote for "The Library Demonstration Bill" (S-48 and H.R. 2465).

This week has been a cold one. Although some days the temperature has gone up as high as 10 below.

Most mornings this week have found the thermometers in town ranging between 20 and 30 below, so it does seem warmish when the mercury gets up around 10 and 5 below.

The snow banks along streets and walks and driveways get higher with each succeeding storm. A couple of more storms and we will have to throw twice to get over the top.

Recalcitrant cars that will not leave the garages under their own power are another result of these cold mornings. A blow torch should be added as standard equipment.

The weather reports are taking on the aspects of a "soap opera"—everybody listens to them. We all know by this time that each chapter ends with, "snow furries." This shouldn't disturb us any longer, for we know it will bring 14 inches of snow—most of it in our driveways.

One consolation perhaps is that even weathermen have to shovel their own walks and driveways—or do they?

Most townspeople are to be seen on the roofs of their houses these days—what with the solid coatings of ice that have accumulated following the heavy snowfall. Much damage can be averted by the timely removal of snow and ice from roof-tops.

Forty-nine days until spring!

### ENLISTED RESERVISTS FOR REPATRIATION PROGRAM

Enlisted men of the first four grades of the Enlisted Reserves may now apply for extended active duty periods ranging from six months to a year as escorts for the returning war dead, according to a report issued from the Office of the Massachusetts Senior State Instructor.

The only prerequisite to submitting an application is membership in the Enlisted Reserve Corps and a physical examination.

Volunteers who request this type of duty will serve in domestic United States only and will not be subject to overseas shipment. Pay and grade in each case will be that of his Enlisted Reserve pay and grade.

### Plastics Are Utilized For Diverse Purposes

Although generally considered as molded articles, plastics are used in many other ways. The use of resins in coatings illustrates the diversity of plastics applications, as pointed out by D. Van Nostrand company's "The New Plastics."

Coatings range from textile treatments to corrosion-resistant industrial finishes for metals. Their utility is increasing in waterproofing textiles, in producing crash-resistant materials and in improving the abrasion resistance of fabrics. They are also important in the paint, varnish, baked-on enamel and lacquer fields.

Laminates range from flexible sheets to materials rivaling steel in strength - weight characteristics. Synthetic resin adhesives have been used to laminate almost anything available in sheet form—even thin sheets of metal have been successfully laminated.

The packaging field makes use of plastic films such as cellophane, ethyl cellulose and vinylidene chloride.

Radio cabinets, automobile handles, hardware novelties and electrical housings are among the best known applications, misjudged by many to represent the whole field. The term plastics, however, does not refer to a single type of material any more than the term metal does.

### Survey Shows Prevalence Of Dental Decay In Italy

Two out of five children and nearly every adult over 50 years of age in Italy is suffering from gingivitis, a disease of the gum tissue, dental scientists reported to American Dental association.

A postwar dental survey of residents of Italian cities showed an incidence of gingival disease ranging from 40 per cent for children 6 to 10 years of age to as high as 98 per cent for persons 51 to 60 years of age.

The findings were in marked contrast to an earlier report on dental decay in Italy. In that report it was found that Italian children had from two to seven times less dental decay than did American children. At all age levels the incidence and severity of gingival disease were much higher in Naples than in Chicago.

Prewar studies of American children showed only from 3 to 8 per cent afflicted with gingival disease. The prevalence and degree of gingivitis appeared to be higher in the lower nourished groups. The acute form of the disease is more common in the younger age groups and the chronic form predominates in the older age groups.

### First Electrical Machine

Otto von Guericke, German physicist, in 1650, made the first electrical machine. It consisted of a sulphur ball turned by a crank on an axis and excited by the friction of the hand. This crude apparatus was the means by which the first electric light was produced, or first recognized. By its means he established definitely the principle of electrical repulsion. The principle of electrification by induction was observed but not established. Von Guericke's name is most closely associated with the discovery of producing light from electricity. Upon drawing a piece of amber swiftly through a woolen cloth and exerting pressure on it with his hand, cracklings were heard, and every one of these produced a little flash of light; drawing the amber gently through the cloth produced only light, no sound, but by holding his finger at a little distance from the amber, a large crackling was produced with a larger flash of light succeeding it.



### Organic Matter Rids Cropland of Bacteria Viruses Prevent Plant Diseases From Spreading

By E. C. Thomas  
Ohio State College.

Few disease-causing bacteria will survive in soil whose organic matter supply has been built up by the use of green manure crops and the return of crop residues and manure. Those that do live are so changed that they are no longer a menace to crops.

Extracts from soil rich in organic matter contain viruses that depend for their existence upon living bacteria. These viruses are especially numerous in organic matter added



to the soil through residues from grasses, legumes and grain crops.

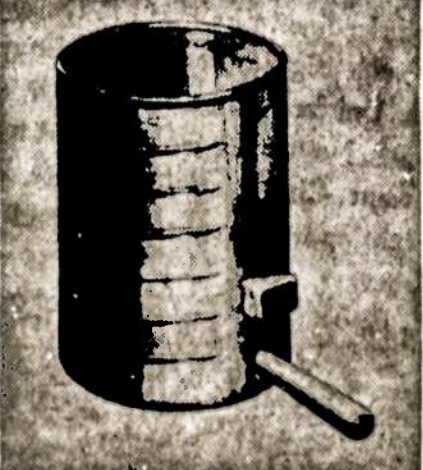
When these viruses come in contact with plant disease forming bacteria they have a profound influence on them, changing the form of these bacteria and making them harmless so far as plants are concerned.

The intensity of competition for food materials and life itself, among organisms inhabiting soil particles, are indicated by the fact that a single ounce of soil has an estimated living population of 50 million bacterial cells, besides many forms of fungi. Added to these are five million protozoa as well as other forms of organisms. Beneficial bacteria thrive best in soil well-stocked with organic matter and tend to crowd out the disease-causing kinds.



Blankets for turkey hens may prevent serious losses from tears and bruises during the mating season. This one was designed by Cornell university.

### Metal Nipple Bucket



The metal nipple bucket was proven satisfactory for feeding young calves by Montana agricultural experiment station. The bucket is six inches in diameter, seven inches high, and is graduated in pints by indentations in the metal one inch apart which serve as a guide to the feeder in determining the amount of milk to feed. The nipple is 2 1/2 inches long, made of 1/2 inch copper tubing, soldered securely into the bucket as shown. It is rounded at the end with solder.

### Precautions Advised To Prevent Hog Flu

To keep flu from getting started, Iowa State college recommends that hogs be brought in at night from hogged-down cornfields to keep them from getting chilled. Overcrowding should be avoided. Quarters should be planned so that sufficient space and adequate equipment will be available during bad weather, but the buildings should not be shut tight, making hogs too warm.

### Industrial Expansion Of South Is Disclosed

New industry is sprouting in the South like spring grass, according to the American Society of Planning Officials.

Recent reports from several states indicate that many Southeastern areas are being industrialized rapidly through development of scores of small, locally-owned factories. Much of the new industry is in rural areas.

In Tennessee, more than 250 new manufacturing concerns have started business this year. Investments in each range from \$25,000 to \$200,000, according to the state planning commission. New industry centers on wood products, food processing and textiles. One of the biggest new factories will manufacture nylon.

The Missouri division of resources and development reports that 288 new industries started operations in that state last year in rural areas alone. Sixty-one new industries were added to this net increase during the first half of 1947. The 288 industries created 10,506 new jobs with a total annual payroll of more than \$18,000,000.

A recent study by the state planning board in Virginia disclosed that 287 manufacturing businesses have been established in the state since 1940 and still are operating. Of these, 246 are active all year around and employ some 14,000 persons. Textile and wood manufacturing bulk largest in the total of new developments.

### New Truck Production Reaches Highest Level

In contrast to passenger car production, output of trucks is at a new record level, according to Northern Trust company.

"While slightly more than one million units were produced in 1941," the company said, "the war was an important influence, as 21 per cent of production consisted of military vehicles. Last year military truck production fell to only about 2,000, a negligible percentage of total truck production."

During 1946, 5,700,000 trucks were registered in the United States, about 900,000 above any previous year, with current estimates running to 6,500,000 registrations for 1947. Because of lack of civilian production during the war years, however, scrapping of trucks was held at a minimum, averaging 150,000 annually compared with a pre-war rate of 400,000 units.

### Eye Bank Working

The Eye Bank has a three-fold purpose: It collects perfect corneal tissue from the eyes of deceased persons and distributes it to qualified surgeons who transplant it to the eyes of individuals who have lost their sight because of corneal defects, it promotes the training of surgeons to perform the delicate grafting operation, and it further research and study. The American Red Cross motor corps has been the official transportation agency of the Eye Bank since it was started in May, 1945. Eyes which have been donated to the Eye Bank must be removed at the hospital within one hour after death, and the transplanting must be done within 36 to 72 hours immediately following.

### Color Tricks the Eyes

One way in which color tricks the eyes is known as successive contrast, or after imagery. When a person gazes for a period of time at an object, as a book, and turns his eyes to a blank wall, he is likely to see the image of the book for a short time. In respect to colors these after images are of two kinds. In what are called positive after images, the colors are the same as those in the original. But in negative after images, which are the most common, the color is the complementary color of the original. For example, red becomes a greenish blue. The importance of understanding these tricks of color is readily apparent for artists, interior decorators and fabric designers.

### Typewriter That Talks

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